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National Intelligence Council

Maj. Gen. Hoover
Director of Military Application
Department of Energy
Attention D.P. 22
1000 Independence Avenue, S. W.
Washington, D. C. 20585

Dear General Hoover,

The Washington Area Operations Centers Conference is a confederation of the chiefs of intelligence and operations watch offices throughout the national security community. The chiefs meet monthly to discuss problems of operating procedures, inter-Agency communication, training, etc. The Department of Energy has recently joined with us, represented by Messrs. Brant Jones and Larry Forsyth.

During our recent annual conference at the Alternate Military National Command Center from 24-26 April 1984, much of the attention of the group was focused on the problems of responding to and managing crises in a field in which many of the centers have had little experience. One of our primary scenarios was a nuclear terrorism incident, which heightened the concern of the group over how little they know. Larry and Brant not only carried the discussion on their shoulders, but were extremely helpful in educating the group and helping them to confront issues now rather than later. It also became an excellent primer on the role of DOE in the community.

The work that they did in preparation for the conference and the presentation they made were of the highest professional calibre. They raised so many issues and generated such discussion that it became difficult for the Conference to focus on any other issues. Please pass to them our sincerest thanks.

Sincerely,



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